

IN MEMORIAM

We mourn our Brothers from Rancho Bernardo Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7766 and the General J.P. Holland Chapter of The Military Order of the World Wars who have left us during this last year to join their Creator. These fine men have gallantly served their country in time of need. While we are reminded that we are born to die, our hearts rejoice in knowing that our Brothers will now enjoy eternal happiness with Thee.

Albert H. Friedman

John B. Lischke

Robert S. Sheets

Memorial Day

MAY 28, 2007



CEREMONIES HELD AT SITE OF

RANCHO BERNARDO VETERANS MEMORIAL

(Located in Webb Park)

Arranged by the

R.B. VETERANS MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

Through the Combined Efforts of



GENERAL J.P. HOLLAND CHAPTER

The Military Order
of the World Wars
and the
Veterans of
Foreign Wars



VFW POST 7766

A limited number of 4" x 6" bronze plaques for recognition of individual veterans are available for installation at the Veterans Memorial site. Donations to the Veterans Memorial are tax deductible. Call John Cantor for further information at 487-5446.

Major General Michael R. Lehnert, USMC Commanding General, Marine Corps Installations West



Michael R. Lehnert graduated from Central Michigan University in 1973 with an undergraduate degree in History and commissioned a Second Lieutenant through the PLC program. After attending the Marine Officers Basic School in Quantico, Virginia, Lieutenant Lehnert was transferred to Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. Assignments at Camp Lejeune included: Engineer Platoon Commander and Maintenance Officer, LSU-32, and S-4, Headquarters & Support Battalion, 2d Force Service Support Group. During his following assignment to 9th Engineer Support Battalion in Okinawa, Japan, he served as Battalion Operations Officer and finished his tour as Commander, Company A.

In 1977, he was ordered to Marine Barracks, Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines, to serve as the Operations Officer, and in 1978 took command of Company A, Marine Barracks, Subic Bay. In 1979, Captain Lehnert attended the U.S. Army Advanced Engineer School

at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, and upon graduation, was assigned as Executive Officer (XO), USMC Recruiting Station, San Antonio, Texas. In 1983, he was transferred to Camp Pendleton, California where he served as; CO, Company C, 1st Landing Support Battalion; CO, Combat Service Support Detachment 11; CO, Combat Service Support Detachment 16; XO, MAU Service Support Group 17; Landing Force Support Party Commander, BSSG-7; and MEF Engineer, First Marine Amphibious Force. He was selected for Armed Forces Staff College in 1987, and upon graduation reported to the United States Southern Command for duty as Chief, Central American Exercise Branch, J-3 Operations Directorate. During the Panama crisis, he participated in *Operation Just Cause* and *Operation Promote Liberty*.

Major Lehnert was assigned in 1990 as Inspector-Instructor, 6th Engineer Support Battalion, Portland, Oregon. While there he was selected for top-level school and completed the Naval War College in 1993, earning a Masters Degree in International and Strategic Studies. In 1993, Lieutenant Colonel Lehnert was assigned to the Joint Warfighting Center in Norfolk, Virginia where he served as Chief of the Futures Branch, Doctrine Division. In 1995, Colonel Lehnert reported to 2d Marine Aircraft Wing, and participated in *Operation Sea Signal*, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba as the Commander, Joint Task Group Bulkeley (JTF 160). During this operation, he commanded the security forces responsible for the operation of Cuban and Haitian migrant camps. Colonel Lehnert commanded Marine Wing Support Group 27 at Cherry Point, North Carolina from May 1996 until reassigned in 1999 to duties as Deputy Chief of Staff, G-4, II MEF. In 1999 he deployed to Panama as the Chief of Staff, Joint Task Force Panama, and oversaw the final turnover of the Panama Canal.

During his first tour as a general officer at Headquarters, United States Marine Corps, Quantico, Virginia, he served as the Assistant Deputy Commandant for Installations and Logistics. He took command of 2d FSSG in July 2001. In January 2002 he deployed to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba as Commander, Joint Task Force 160. During this tour, JTF 160 constructed and operated the detention facilities for Taliban and Al Qaeda detainees. In 2003, 2d FSSG deployed to the CENTCOM Theater and participated in *Operation Iraqi Freedom*. Brigadier General Lehnert served as Commander, Marine Logistics Command. He was subsequently assigned as Chief of Staff, United States Southern Command. In April 2005 he took command of Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, California. On 21 October 2005 Major General Lehnert assumed command of the newly activated Marine Corps Installations West and its seven subordinate installations.

Decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Legion of Merit with Gold Star, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with gold star, and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.



MEMORIAL DAY Schedule of Events



10:40 a.m. Patriotic Musical Prelude — *Rancho Bernardo High School Madrigals*
Lisa Friedrichs, Director

11:00 a.m. — Master of Ceremonies —
Rear Admiral Richard K. Fontaine, USN Retired
Past Commander, General J.P. Holland Chapter, MOWW

Introduction

Moment of Silence/Invocation — LCDR Israel Narvaez, ChC, USN

Presentation of the Colors — Color Guard, MCB, Camp Pendleton

Posting of Service, MIA, MOWW & VFW Flags — Members of
VFW Post 7766 and General J.P. Holland Chapter, MOWW

Flag Ceremony — VFW Commander Maurice Eis

Pledge of Allegiance — MOWW Commander COL Dave Epstein

National Anthem — *Rancho Bernardo High School Madrigals*

Posting of Colors

Introduction of Principal Speaker — MajGen McMonagle, USMC Ret

Remarks — MajGen Michael R. Lehnert, USMC
Commanding General, Marine Corps Installations West

In Memoriam — MOWW Chaplain LCDR Israel Narvaez

Presentation of Wreath — MAJ Abe Baum, DSC, AUS (Fmr)
President, R.B. Veterans Memorial Association

Firing of Volleys — Honor Guard, MCB, Camp Pendleton

Echo Taps — Buglers, MCB, Camp Pendleton

Retire the Colors — Color Guard, MCB, Camp Pendleton

Benediction — LCDR Israel Narvaez, ChC, USN

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:

We thank all of the local active duty Navy and Marines for participating as Color Guard, Honor Guard and for the Echo Taps as we honor all of our comrades-in-arms who made the supreme sacrifice in the name of *Duty, Honor, Country*. We also welcome the participation of the Rancho Bernardo High School Madrigals for their notable contribution to this community event. In addition, we thank Holiday Flowers of Rancho Bernardo for the beautiful wreath which they have given to the RBVMA for our Memorial Day Ceremony for many years.

